

"If Americans are pessimistic, it is because they are also realistic."
— Sen. Edward M. Kennedy

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The Ayatollah Khomeini is burned in effigy on Aiken Mall by students protesting the holding of 60 American hostages in Iran. The spontaneous demonstration of approximately 150 students was held Saturday night after an earlier planned protest reportedly fell under the wake of administrative pressure.

Iranian situation reflected at St. Mike's last weekend

by Tom Liptak

The issues surrounding the takeover of the U.S. embassy in Iran by Iranian student militants, the seizing of a reported 98 hostages and the demands for the return of the exiled Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi have hit St. Michael's College like a bombshell, triggering a protest in which an effigy was burned and a subsequent informal meeting of students, faculty and administration was held to discuss pertinent issues.

A spontaneous demonstration of approximately 150 students was held Saturday night after an earlier planned protest reportedly fell under the wake of administrative pressure.

At that rally, organized primarily by residents of Purtil Hall, patriotic songs were sung and impromptu speeches made, culminated with what those in attendance were led to believe was the burning of Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in effigy.

Demonstration leaders were quick to assert that the demonstration was not in protest to "the fact that we have Iranian students on campus."

"This (demonstration) was in no way connected with the Iranians on campus," said David Begley, one of the organizers. "This is to protest what we consider an act of terrorism (on the part of the Iranian

militants) and to show that we back any move that the U.S. government might make to free the hostages being held."

Although when the effigy was set afire, students chanted "burn Ayatollah" Begley said later that it had never been explicitly stated that it was in fact Khomeini who was being burned in effigy. "The media blew the thing out of proportion," he said.

A story of the rally was reported in the Burlington Free Press and later picked up by the Boston Globe and New York Times through the Associated Press.

As tensions mounted on campus and there were unconfirmed rumors of harassment of Iranian students, an informal meeting was called Monday by Dr. Francis Nicosia and Dr. William Wilson to "clear up some points that might have been confusing."

The meeting was attended at various times by close to 200 persons, including St. Michael's College President Edward L. Henry who said, "This is the type of discussion that I think a college ought to have."

Henry assured the Iranian students in attendance that "all students are equal here and there will be no discrimination on this campus because of your point of view." He added that the college's lawyer would be at the disposal of Iranian students to resolve any

technical problems they might have and advise them concerning President Jimmy Carter's policy of the revoking of visas and deportation of illegal Iranian aliens.

Twenty-eight Iranian students from St. Michael's College were to have reported to immigration officials Wednesday in St. Albans to have their visas examined but there were no reports on that situation at press time.

Sentiments at the meeting in which both Iranian and American students spoke were typically that "we can't judge a whole race of people by the actions of 300 or 400 of that group."

Suren Hakopian, one of the Iranian students in attendance, said it was true that his fellow Iranian students were apprehensive about the situation.

"Yes, there has been abusive action directed towards us and yes there was a fight," he said. "If we go downtown and someone asks us where we are from we are afraid to say that we are from Iran."

"Americans are looking at us like it's our fault," Hakopian said of the tensions within the U.S. about Iranians in the country. "We are just suffering the consequences (of the actions of those in Iran)."

But after the meeting, Behrad Talebzadeh, another Iranian student, said the situation

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SMC prepares for accreditation team

Steering committee compiles self-study

by Halia Bula

During the past year, the administration and faculty at St. Michael's College have been conducting a comprehensive self-study in preparation for a visit by the New England Association of Secondary Schools' accreditation team.

This self-study is done by the steering committee, Dr. Edward F. Murphy, professor of English, said.

As a member of the committee, he said results of the study have been compiled into a text and will be sent to the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools by January.

"This is no new event for the college," Murphy said, "we ex-

amine ourselves continually. However, it is important to understand that any college worth its name is constantly undergoing a process of self-study."

The New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools is a voluntary, non-profit, self-governing organization of educational institutions, having as its purpose the development and maintenance of sound educational standards, he said.

Since St. Michael's is a member of this regional commission, Murphy said the college is required to submit a self-study for reaccreditation.

Prior to visiting the college, an appointed team will review St. Michael's self-study to fa-

miliarize itself with the college. During their visit, the self-study will serve as a guide and help them prepare an evaluation for the commission.

"The time has come for another accreditation visit, as the last one was ten years ago," Murphy said.

The visit is scheduled for April 13, 1980, at which time the team will spend two days on campus. The visitors will meet with students, faculty, and administrators, Murphy said.

The task of guiding the self-study has been the responsibility of Dr. Vernon F. Gallagher, who recently completed his tenure as vice-president for academic affairs.

Gallagher has stayed on as

chairman of the steering committee so as to better coordinate the self-study to completion. Gallagher, with the assistance of M. Patricia Chase, the former manager of personnel, put together all the individual studies into a comprehensive report, Murphy said.

The text consists of a range of documentation from the college's catalog to the budget reports, including an appendix of materials.

During recent years, Murphy said the accreditation process has been evolving, so that more emphasis is being placed on the self-study, rather than on set standards.

He said the standards of accreditation are seen as

essentially qualitative and are applied to the institution as a whole.

When recommendations are made concerning accreditation, the commission takes into account the institution's mission and goals, the appropriateness of its objectives, and the effectiveness with which the institution as a whole fulfills them.

Murphy said the accreditation simply means the commission has found the college to follow basic educational policies and practices that are comparable to other member institutions of its type.

"For the students at St. Michael's, accreditation means they are going to a

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Newsbriefs

Kennedy's art on display in McCarthy

"Retrospective," a collection of paintings, copper sculptures and drawings by Vermont artist Roy Kennedy, is on display in McCarthy Arts Center Gallery at St. Michael's for the month of November. Gallery hours are 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. on weekdays and 1 p.m.-5 p.m. on weekends. It will be closed Nov. 21-25 during Thanksgiving recess.

His work is represented in the Chrysler Museum of Fine Art, Fleming Museum, Screen Actors' Guild in New York City, St. Michael's College, University of Vermont Medical School and many private collections, including the late President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Kennedy, assistant professor of St. Michael's fine arts de-

partment, has lived and worked in Underhill Center since 1953. Born in Buffalo, N.Y., he first studied painting with Isaac Cawyer at the Albright School of Fine Arts and in 1946 attended Ozenfant School of Fine Arts in New York City. The following year he enrolled at Academie Julian in Paris where he remained until 1951. He has travelled extensively in Belgium, Holland, Germany, Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Corsica.

Kennedy's sculptures in brazed and welded copper have also gained attention in one-man exhibits at the Fleming Museum, Dartmouth College, Plymouth State College and the Vermont Information Center in New York City's Rockefeller Center.

Edmundites to concelebrate service today observing Feast of St. Edmund

A mass observing the Feast of St. Edmund will be celebrated today at the Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel at St. Michael's College. The 4 p.m. Mass will be concelebrated by the Rev. Raymond Doherty and other members of the Edmundite community. Music will be provided by the college's 50-member chorale.

Directed by Dr. William Tortolano, the chorale will perform several musical pieces by Mozart, including "Missa Brevis" in D major, and lead the congregation in singing "We Gather Together" and "Faith of Our Fathers." Senior Edward J. Ferrell of Lanoka Harbor, N.J. will accompany as organist.

Journalism department receives grant

The Reader's Digest Foundation has awarded a \$1,500 travel-research grant to the journalism department at St. Michael's College.

Prof. Alex Nagy, chairman, said this is the fourth year the department has been awarded a Reader's Digest grant.

He said several students in the reporting of public affairs and history of journalism classes either have or are planning to utilize some of the funds for off-campus reporting and research projects. The grant also will enable a group of journalism majors to attend

a Vermont Press Association seminar in Montpelier Nov. 17. The seminar will focus on police/court/press relations.

During the second semester, students in the feature writing class will use the grant for off-campus research projects.

Nagy emphasized that such grants provide an added dimension to the journalism program since travel-research funds are not normally included in departmental budgets.

Persons benefitting from the grant are expected to describe their experiences in brief reports to the foundation.

Davignon to talk on social justice

The Rev. Charles P. Davignon, will be sharing his thoughts and personal experiences concerning social justice in the college chapel on Mon., Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The theme of the lecture is the dimension of social justice.

Davignon was ordained in 1956, received his Licenciatus in sacred theology from the Grand Seminary in Montreal in 1957 and earned a master's degree in education from

Catholic University, Washington, D.C. in 1958.

In 1974 he returned to Catholic University to receive a doctorate in education.

Presently, Davignon is serving at St. John Vianney Parish in So. Burlington.

The lecture is part of the campus ministry's "evenings of recollection" program, a monthly program meeting that encourages an increased sensitivity to the spiritual dimensions of everyday life.

New system to take effect

by Tom Liptak

When St. Michael's College students receive a transcript of their grades for the fall semester sometime during Christmas vacation, they may notice a change in the system of grading to the effect that a plus (+) may be standing alongside the customary grades ranging from A to F according to Dr. Ronald Provost, vice president for academic affairs.

The system "is voluntary in the sense that if a professor still wants to use A, B, C, D or F, then he or she will use it."

Provost said the system would be used for the grades given to members of every class, not just for grades given to freshmen as some professors had speculated.

He stated that the new system would give professors the benefit of making a finer distinction between students who might, for example, receive a numerical grade average of 71 (possibly a C) or a 76 (possibly a C+).

He added that no minus (-) grades would be recorded on students' transcripts.

Provost said he could not speculate on the effects of the new system on grade inflation at St. Michael's. "We'll have to take a 'wait and see' attitude on that," he said.

He said that a recent proposal made to the Student Association by Tom Anastasi, a St. Michael's student, for yet another change in the grading system "came at a bad time." Anastasi's proposal is to make,

for example, a numerical grade of 76 a 2.6 or a grade of 82 a 3.2.

"I have the feeling that we're going to have to give the most recent change a fair hearing of at least a year before we make any additional changes," Provost said. "That change took three or four years to get through the students, faculty and board of trustees before it was finally passed. We will have to see how it's working before we will make any additional changes."

Student poets participate in reading

by John Engels Jr.

The Alliot governing board sponsored a poetry reading last Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Alliot lounge.

The reading attracted a broad range of student poets. A Japanese woman, Atsuko Inuzuk, read a poem in her native language which followed a traditional Japanese meter.

The governing board plans to hold the readings every other Tuesday at 8 p.m. The next reading will be Nov. 27 in the lounge.

The board stresses that faculty and students are invited to read or listen. Participants may read other writers' works as well as their own.

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Ar Paramus	7:25 PM	Ar Springfield	4:30 PM
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		Ar New Haven	6:05 PM
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Vermont Public Radio to locate at St. Michael's

by Sue Roberts

The St. Michael's College Board of Trustees unanimously approved a proposal by President Henry to have Vermont Public Radio broadcast from north campus, according to Bill Carey, S.A. president.

Carey gave the trustees report to the General Assembly at this week's general assembly meeting. He said that the station will broadcast from the old post office, which is located next to Herrouet Theater. In addition, some events will be broadcast from Herrouet.

The station's signal will reach the Montreal area, southern Massachusetts, eastern New York and New Hampshire, according to Carey. Carey also said that it would cost \$12,000 to establish Vermont Public Radio at St. Michael's. VPR has one station in Windsor, Vt.

Carey said the Trustees also unanimously approved the \$11,000 Rathskeller loan.

Dean of Students Mike Samara addressed the general assembly and spoke in reference to campus demonstrations. "I encourage demonstrations if people are feeling on an issue." But he added that he opposed "a bastardizing of the issues." He also said that the administration would not interfere with demonstrations as long as the Student Life office is notified beforehand. However, he added that he would not condone "violent acts to individuals or property."

Also in regard to demonstrations, social committee chairman Mark Bouchard said he attended a convention in Hyannis, Mass. this weekend at which activist Dick Gregory spoke about demonstrations.

Bouchard said Gregory stressed that American college students are an important group if they handle things the right way. Gregory also said it is important to have organization and a purpose before

demonstrating.

In other business, the general assembly approved a motion that the executive board of the S.A. look into the possibility of getting Sutton Apartments and Hodson Hall off the meal plan. Friendly amendments were added which suggested that Ernie Guilmain, St. Michael's College treasurer, and Tom Ryan, SAGA food manager attend the next S.A. meeting.

The general assembly also approved Steve Houlihan and Tony Gibbons as members of the rathskeller committee. Houlihan told the assembly that plans for the rathskeller are approaching completion. He said, "We still have to straighten out the liability of lawsuit action."

This will determine who would be responsible for injuries that occur in the rathskeller. He added that plans still have to be worked out with SAGA about serving food.

Quik Stop changes check cashing policy

by Bob Shepard

Conveniently located between the north and south campus of St. Michael's College is the small variety store known as Qwik Stop. Under the auspices of Jim and Carmen Matthieu, Qwik Stop which has served local residents and college students since 1975, has changed its check cashing policy.

During the past few years, the store's check cashing policy has fluctuated. Originally the store cashed checks for most people without requiring any purchase, but the owners soon realized that this was a costly policy.

"Checks for the amount of purchase" will be accepted and "as a rule we do not accept checks for gas purchases," Matthieu said.

He explained the reason for not accepting checks for gas by saying that "gas prices are so high that the risk for the amount of profit was too great."

Approximately 30 percent of the store's customers are St. Michael's students according to Jim Matthieu. He said there is a significant decline in business "after the students leave, but as soon as the children are out of grammar school, tourism brings the business back up."

Currently, Qwik Stop employs six people, three of whom are St. Michael's students. The location of the store makes it an ideal place to seek an off-campus job.

Matthieu said St. Michael's students most often purchase "beer, wine, junk food and snacks." In commenting on the competitiveness of their produce with the major supermarkets, Matthieu said, "We don't try to be competitive with the supermarkets in general, but our beer, wine and dairy products are lower in price."

Matthieu summed up his feelings toward the St. Michael's community when he said, "We appreciate the

business and think that most of the students are nice. We try to accommodate their needs as well as we can."



Saturday, Dec. 1 at Pace College, New York City, there will be a college career conference. The conference will present facts about careers in the fields of advertising and communications. For information, contact the student resource center.

Dead-head Patrick "Droid" Dubrule hefts an empty keg after a hard night on second floor Founders.

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Durick library understaffed, underbudgeted

by Barbara Nagy

A student enrolled in the History of Journalism course wants to write a term paper comparing censorship during World Wars I and II. He would like to use the New York Times as a primary source, so he goes to the Durick Library to look for microfilm. But he curses in frustration when he realizes that the library's film of the Times does not extend to the period in which he is interested.

This episode probably sounds familiar to at least some St. Michael's students, most of whom have to use the library some time during their enrollment at the college. Students have complaints about understaffing, disorganization, the noise level in the building, theft of materials, and weaknesses in the collection itself.

Dr. Alex Nagy, chairman of the journalism department, said the library is "one of the weakest educational links on this campus." Library Director Joseph Popecki blamed many of the problems on a lack of funds.

He said the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, which is examining St. Michael's for possible reaccreditation in 1980, and the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association, maintain that college libraries should receive about five percent of the institution's general budget.

The Durick Library has only received three percent of St. Michael's budget for the last six years.

Academic Deam Ronald Provost agreed that the library

But the situation becomes alarming when one discovers that book prices are rising faster than the inflation rate. Thus, even though the budget increases, the number of books that can be bought decreases.

This year's book budget is \$38,500. An additional \$28,000 will be spent on periodicals. The total library budget is \$226,000.

Each academic department is given an allotment based on its needs and the extent to which its students use the facility, Popecki said.

He complained that at the end of the year unspent money is returned to the general budget. This means that if a book does not arrive for billing during the same year it is ordered, the price is charged against the next year's budget.

He said this creates overspending and confusion, which could easily be simplified by considering the money spent when the book is ordered.

Popecki anticipates fewer problems with the budget this year, since all academic-related services will be funded through the academic dean's office. In the past the library was funded directly through the treasurer's office.

Popecki believes this will let him have more input in budgetary decisions and will give him more feedback on why certain requests have been denied.

Popecki believes the library's main strengths are American history and religious studies. The Library of American Civilization and the Library of English Literature microbooks are what has contributed to the strong American history collection,

support" the counseling, the Masters of Science in Administration and the Teaching English as a Second Language programs.

Popecki said the business collection also needs strengthening. The business department is allocated four percent of the money spent on books because the department's students have not tradi-

staff as disciplinarians who should reprimand students. He also noted that his staff is not large enough to patrol the building and keep noise down.

The major complaint students have is that the collection is inadequate. But most agreed that the facility is adequate until they have to do some in-depth research.

Students from a variety of

dition to the library be built in next year's budget. He said the shelves are 92 percent full. He would also like to include more study rooms in the plans.

Expansion of the audiovisual production laboratory, which is presently housed in a small room in the basement, is also being considered.

Popecki believes the ad-

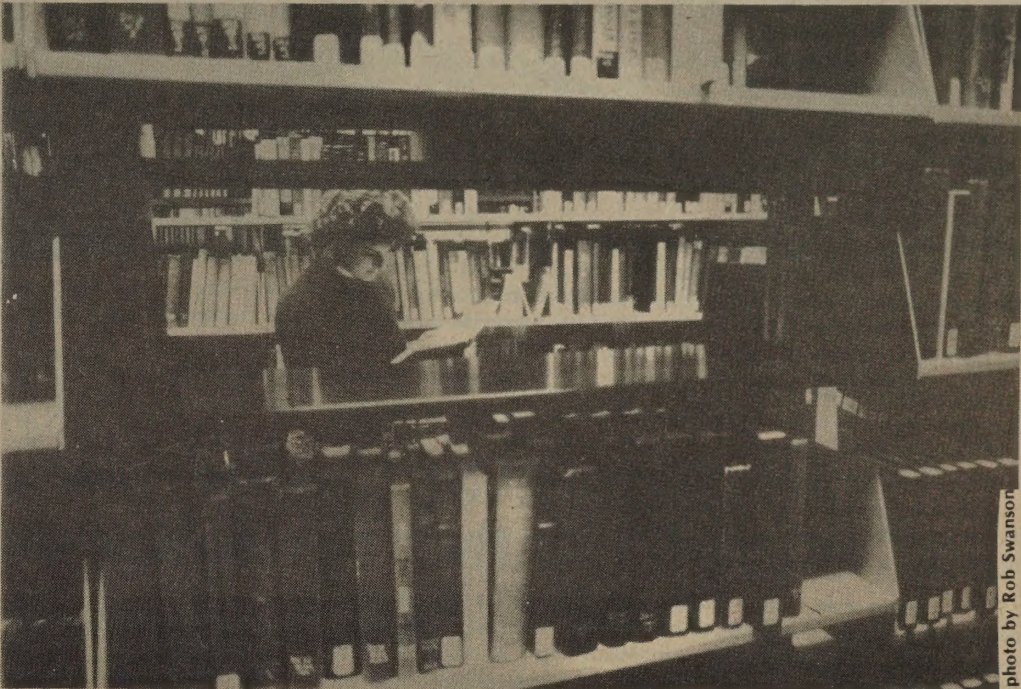


photo by Rob Swanson

tionally been strong users of the library even though they compose a large part of the student body. Popecki said that if they were to start using the library "we'd be in trouble."

The director is aware of students' complaints about the library. He agreed that thefts are a problem but said they have decreased a great deal since the electronic security system was installed in 1977.

Popecki said the loss rate was under one percent for a period of one year with the system. Without the system the rate was 28 percent during eight years.

He went on to say that the reference collection is being inventoried now, and many books are missing. But he said the last inventory of that collection was in 1976 so it is impossible to tell if the materials were taken before or after the detection system was put into operation.

Popecki agreed that the library is understaffed. Library personnel include four full-time professionals, one quarter-time professional, three secretary/clerical workers, two paraprofessionals, three circulation trainees, one cataloging trainee, an audiovisual specialist and an archivist.

Because of insufficient funds, a reference librarian cannot be on duty during all hours the library is open. A back-up in cataloging is also a problem.

Popecki said the noise problem is a familiar complaint. He attributed the noise to an "exceptionally high attendance rate" at the library, especially in the past several weeks. He said the problem has always perplexed him because he does not view the

departments, including economics, business, history, journalism, political science, physics, math, sociology and environmental chemistry, all said that at one time, or another they have had to use the University of Vermont's Bailey Library for research. All agreed that St. Michael's collection should be improved.

Popecki acknowledged that students have to use the UVM library occasionally, but said it should be a "library of last resort." He would like St. Michael's students to exhaust their own library before beginning to examine UVM's.

He said students should find 95 percent of what they need at St. Michael's and believes people could make more use of the library. The facility is "an expensive teaching tool," one that students overlook too often, he said. Popecki said he plans to include a proposition that an ad-

ministration is supportive of the library in principle. He also believes there is enough interest and concern about the future of the facility.

But he also said the present budget is inadequate. He anticipates that in 10 years the collection will grow from the 100,000 books now in the library to 165,000 — an amount that simply could not be housed in the building as it now stands.

Popecki and Provost both contrasted the present building with the old library facilities in Klein. That building had a seating capacity of about 45 people. Books had to be stored in the basement, except for the reference collection.

Things have obviously improved since then. But if St. Michael's does not increase its investment in the library it would be doing a disservice to those who attend the college.

PURCHASING POWER OF THE BOOK BUDGET 1974-79

	TITLES RECEIVED	% + or -	BOOK BUDGET	% + or -
1973/74	3,053		\$25,884	
1974/75	2,922	-4.3	29,659	+14.6
1975/76	2,316	-25.2	34,430	+28.8
1976/77	2,258	-2.5	27,319	-20.6
1977/78	2,300	+1.9	28,006	+2.5
1978/79 (est.)	2,209	-4.1	34,200	+22.1

does need some improving, but said the five percent figure is deceptive.

"I don't look at budgeting from the point of view of percentages," he said. "I look at needs, priorities, costs." He said the college has to set priorities. In some years some areas would be cut so that special projects, such as construction of a new dorm, could be completed, he said.

Provost was skeptical of the percent figure because it is established by a national organization that he said has no conception of conditions at St. Michael's.

Popecki said the library budget is based on a base sum with an percentage added for inflation each year. This would allow him to maintain the library as it without adding any special items.

he said. He would like to get a reader-printer as one of the microfilm machines, but said prospects for the purchase are not good because of the lack of funds.


Popecki also believes the periodical and periodical index collections are good. He said that at one time the staff maintained a clipping file from current periodicals to make articles easier to find and eliminate the messy stacks of papers and magazines.

But a reduction in the number of employees caused the elimination of that service.

Both Provost and Popecki said library resources for the four graduate-level programs need attention. Popecki said resources for the religious studies program were good, but added that there are "not enough resources to properly

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Opinions

Iran

Last Saturday there was an anti-Iranian demonstration at Aiken mall. The ceremony consisted of a disorderly group of St. Michael's college students burning a cloth model of the Ayatollah and some improvised speeches imploring the American students not to tolerate treatment of this sort from a "two-bit country like Iran."

To ask the St. Michael's community to accept this demonstration as a sincere protest of violations of human rights in Iran is absurd.

Rather than being a forum of non-approval to express an opinion, the Iranian demonstration only displayed student immaturity.

It *could* have been productive. It *could* have taught us something. A discussion in Alliot Student Center last Monday between Iranian students and Americans seemed to clear up a lot of the issues. Apparently some of the Iranians felt there was ill will being directed towards them by the students at the demonstration.

Compounding the problem was the fact that two days after the demonstration, its organizers attempted to blame "the media for blowing the whole thing out of proportion," claiming that they never actually said that it was Khomeini who was being torched.

A demonstration such as the one that was held last week should be a final shout to ears that don't listen, not a spur of the moment exercise in verbal abuse.

The "organization" that conducted the anti-Iranian demonstration doesn't even have a stated position. The fact that the Iranian students at the discussion in Alliot were so apprehensive about the possible after-effects for the demonstration is a sign of the demonstrations' poor planning and shortsightedness.

The antinuclear coalition of St. Michael's, on the other hand, distributes literature and attends meetings in addition to their demonstrating. They are quite eloquent in their opposition to nuclear power, and they are more than happy to discuss their opinions with students.

I'd rather pay for irresponsible students to break windows and steal cutlery from Saga than to hear about violent demonstrations that have the vulgar smell of racism, ignorance and deliberate disorganization.

A lot can be said in support of a well done protest, but last week's sham only offended many people and worried others.

Discussions such as the one in Alliot are what this college should condone. Let's be adults and express our thoughts as adults can and should.

— JDE

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Let's play hangman!

Letters to the editor

Iranian situation

To the editor:

The clear voice of reason is seldom heard over the din of emotional reactions. This statement is true for most political problems and is especially applicable to the present situation in Iran. Surely the kinds of vociferous — and sometimes violent — protests that have shaken the U.S. in the last week are examples of unthinking emotionalism, rather than collective reasoning.

True, the situation in Iran is a difficult one; American citizens are being held hostages and the U.S. is in a very difficult situation. Those calling for military intervention in a raid similar to that executed by the Israelis on Entebbe do not realize that the situation is by no means similar.

For one thing, the Israelis helped to build the Entebbe airport which they stormed; they knew the layout of the place, knew where the hostages were being kept.

Second, the fact that the U.S. Embassy in Iran is nowhere near the airport precludes the possibility of a quick, surprise attack. What could we do, drive tanks down Main Street Tehran?

Some would have the government return the Shah, which is what the students are demanding. But if this were done the U.S. would lose credibility with those leaders whom it now supports. After all, we did support the Shah, and if we give him back now other countries might wonder what the U.S. would do for them if times got rough.

The Iranian oil is not the big issue, though some would have the U.S. military go in and take it. How this is rationalized is beyond us. It's their oil, and they have the right to sell it or not sell it to whomever they please.

The Iranian students have

done wrong. By taking over the U.S. embassy they have, in effect, attacked this country, and in other circumstances military intervention would no doubt have already occurred.

But one must remember what the U.S. is really dealing with in Iran. The Ayatollah Khomeini has found it impossible to restore solidarity within Iran, so he is using the hatred of the Shah as a means of uniting his people and ending the chaos.

Since the Shah was supported by America, and is now in exile in the U.S., the people naturally hate Americans. Guilt by association. Perfectly rational.

If Khomeini feels that he is losing power, he will have no qualms about taking 60 American citizens with him.

We have heard on this campus intolerant voices practically cry for blood at the suggestion of Iranians burning an American flag. But what is the flag, other than a popular piece of colored cloth, seen most frequently at sporting games and holidays.

Does the flag represent the ideals of the nation? And how many of the outraged students on this campus would be burning flags themselves 10 years ago?

And if the flag is a symbol of what this country stands for, what is that? Freedom of expression? Is not the burning of the flag an expression of dissatisfaction with the U.S.?

It is indeed ironic that Americans pride themselves at being the first to grant the freedoms in our constitution to others, but are also the first to revoke those freedoms when criticism is directed at them.

And do we have a cure-all solution to the problem? Of course not. But we think we know what a solution is not — the beatings and babblings driven by emotions — or worse, by nationalism.

Nationalism is a powerful thing to play with, and it is a shame that it exists at all. It nearly turned the Germany of the 1940s into a world power, and it can turn a group of rational men into a killing mob.

Americans see America as "the home of the brave" and "the land of the free." But it is also the land of the Ku Klux Klan and racial injustice, the home of bigots and potential mobs.

Just a little reason can go a long, long way.

John Barkyoumb
Frank Reddy

Safety

To the editor:

I for one agree with Barb Nagy on the inadequacy of the lighting facilities on the campus — especially north campus. Several weeks ago I parked my car behind Sloane Art Center to work at the radio station in the evening. When I came out to my car at 10 p.m. there was not one light on in the entire parking lot and my brand new battery had been stolen from my car.

I had parked close to the building for my own personal safety — not to have to walk in the dark but as it turned out inadequate lighting facilities resulted in a senseless loss.

Is it asking too much to provide a few safeguards to counteract vandalism and harassment — I think not!

Wendy C. Lambert

P.S. Dr. Henry — I think it's time we paid some serious attention to OUR student safety instead of YOUR jubilee celebration!

Iranian situation

To the editor:

Last Saturday night we finally saw some students of St. Michael's taking an affirmative action. Could it be that the long-term apathy that has afflicted us could be coming

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'Cherry Orchard' solid, emotional

by Joan Dickinson

This semester's major theatre production successfully ended on Nov. 10. "The Cherry Orchard" will not only be remembered as celebrating St. Michael's 75th Jubilee, but, it will also be recognized as an ambitious undertaking by the drama department.

The play was performed by a competent group of individuals. It was full of emotion and solidly constructed.

Certain characters were more developed than others. Pam Cady, "Lyubov," gave a progressively passionate performance. Her emotion-filled lines were sometimes exaggerated by a shrill voice. But this aptly displayed Chekov's view of the character as idealistic. Cady was dynamic in Act II when the climactic moment, the cherry orchard's sale, finally arrived.

Jackie Bouchard's portrayal of Varya, the devoted and supportive daughter, was poignant. Her consistency of character, motivation, and timely reactions accurately expressed "Varya's" intensity.

Kathy Kane, a wide-eyed "Anyia," was the optimist of the family, yet her character was filled with highs and lows: She appeared weak, which was Chekov's intention. She was a victim of the situation, but became flexible to the changes that occurred.

Male counterparts were collectively comic but individually filled with different "calamities."

Chuck Tobin's "Gaev's," the brother, was verbose and superficial. Tobin's acting indicated his character's obsessions: speech-making, and playing pool. He skillfully showed "Gaev's" preoccupa-

tion with the romantic side of life.

The only character with a goal, Steve Lajoie as "Lopakhin" did not use his full potential. At times he was pretentious, at others he was earnest. "Lopakhin" was too likeable in his convictions for being an aspiring land-owner out of the lower-class. Lajoie knew his part well but failed to fully expound on his character's strength.

Other characters outside of the main family enhanced the plot. Therese Bruck, the governess, was amusing in presence and demeanor. Costumed in a billowy white gown, eating a cucumber, and performing "magic" tricks, Bruck was hilariously exaggerated.

Kyle Minor, another land-owner, supported the cast with his humorous actions. At times a bit too energetic for his character's age, Minor was fluid, letting the circumstances of his situation affect his acting.

Other characters, the servants, were farcical in their actions and "mirrored" the main characters. Chris Durso was a snobbishly sarcastic family butler. In a thoughtful characterization of the family tutor "Petya," Mike Lucy was solid in his actions.

Sarah Carleton was comical as the vain, scatter-brained maid. Finally, Bob Lavoie's "tragic" character of the family clerk caused a good deal of audience laughter because of his antics. His character, buffeted by misfortunes, was humorously helpless.

Although the show opened with a slow dialogue it moved to a level of emotional intensity. Its latent meanings and intricacies were finally aroused by the characters' situation of emotional suffering.

and more supportive. This time it was three people responsible. That is a miniscule portion of 1,500 students.

Granted not everyone agrees with what we did or the manner in which we did it — all the more reason that they should organize in their own way. America is and always will be "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

David Begley



photo by Sue Roberts

Kyle Minor, left, was Simeneov-Pischick and Therese Bruck played Charlotta in "The Cherry Orchard," by Anton Chekhov. The play was performed Nov. 6-10 in the McCarthy Arts Center.

Sexual assault rate increased 200 percent from 1977 to 1978

by Phyllis Grich

The rate of sexual assault in Burlington increased 200 percent from 1977 to 1978, according to Stephanie Schoggen, coordinator of sex crimes investigation in Burlington.

The best thing a woman can do to prevent rape is to "be aware that it could happen," Schoggen said. "I don't recommend that everyone take self-defense courses or become paranoid about walking on the street alone."

Vermont law, revised in 1976, includes all types of sexual assault under one statute. "If one or more of the following criteria are proven, a sexual assault has been committed, according to the law:

- 1) If two persons, not married to each other, engage in a sexual act without the consent of one of the two persons involved. A sexual act is one in which there is contact between the sexually distinguishing parts of the body, including the mouth.
- 2) If one of the two persons is threatened or coerced into the act, or if the person is placed in fear that anyone else will be harmed if the act is not performed.

3) A sexual act between two unmarried persons where one has had his or her judgement impaired by alcohol or drugs.

4) If one of the two persons is under 16 years old and is not married to the other person.

So far this year, there have been 12 reported cases of sexual assault in Burlington, Schoggen said. The court docket is so far behind that only one sexual assault case has been tried and the defendant was found "not guilty." Of all the reported sexual assaults last year in Burlington, Schoggen said, there was a 58 percent conviction rate.

The fact that the prosecution must prove the defendants' guilt "beyond a reasonable doubt" turns out to be the break some of them need to be

acquitted, the officer said.

Rape is a very emotional and personal ordeal for the victim. "It's difficult to ask somebody to testify about something he or she considers very personal," Schoggen declared. "All the victims I've seen have been willing to testify." The sexual history of the woman is not allowed to be preserved in court unless it is necessary to the case, she explained.

Most of the suspects plead guilty to the charge so there aren't many sexual assault trials held in Burlington, Schoggen said.

In accordance with that law, the maximum sentence for a convicted rapist is 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine, the officer explained. The average sentence is between 5 and 10 years in prison.

Schoggen explained the standard procedure that followed when a sexual assault is reported. First, a uniformed police officer goes to the scene. If the victim needs medical attention the officer sees to it that he or she gets to a hospital. If the suspect is still there, the officer will arrest

cedure involves giving the victim "preventive medication to induce menstruation and prevent the egg from implanting itself in the uterus if the woman is not on the birth control pill," Schoggen explained. "The hospital also gives her preventive medicine for venereal disease even though it is not known at the time of the check-up whether she has VD." The victim is also treated for injuries if she has any, and physical evidence, such as the presence of semen, is also detected, Schoggen added.

The officer is also required to get a "statement" or record of events from the victim. "This doesn't have to be done right away if the victim doesn't want to," Schoggen explained. She said most victims wish to give their statement right away.

The police officer also tries to get in touch with someone who can stay with the victim. "I try to find a friend of hers or call the Rape Crisis Center," the officer declared. Schoggen said she can't stay with the victims all night in case she is needed elsewhere. "I have to realize my limitations."

"I don't recommend that everyone take self-defense courses or become paranoid about walking on the street alone."

— Stephanie Schoggen

him or her. It is also the job of the police officer to protect any evidence found at the scene.

Often times, Schoggen is the officer who is called to the scene. She explains to the victim the reasons she should go to the hospital and lets her make her own choice. Every victim Schoggen has been called to help has chosen to go to the hospital. "People want to take care of themselves," she said.

If sexual intercourse has taken place hospital pro-

She explained that it's hard to judge how many unreported sexual assaults occur. Some of the victims report their attacks to Mary Fletcher Hospital but not to the police.

"A lot of sexual assaults happen between people who know each other," Schoggen explained. "Those are the ones which are least likely to be reported." In more than 50 percent of the cases that occurred in Burlington, the victim knew the assailant, the officer commented.

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to an end?

Being one of the three persons held responsible for what took place that night I feel it is my duty to explain our purpose. We are protesting international terrorism.

The most recent and outrageous episode is that concerning American citizens being held hostage in Iran. Our effort, though ill-prepared served its purpose.

We were not only protesting the plague of terrorism afflicting us but the attempts of this school's administration to quell such attempts. For once some students have the courage and faith to do what they feel is in their best interests and not what this school says is our interests.

We proved that it could be done without mishap. It is about time that this school is made to run for us, the students, and not the administration. We proved that we are concerned.

I hope that this is only the beginning. We must become more organized, more aware,



Proposed dam on Winooski meets opposition from city

by Bill O'Keefe

The Burlington Electric Department is expecting that the hydroelectric plant on the Winooski River will be completed by the spring of 1981. Winooski officials are still concerned about its effect on their town's development.

That concern was voiced by Dr. Dominique Casavant, a Winooski representative to the state legislature and physics professor at St. Michael's College. "As it stands, Winooski has no say in the project development," Casavant said.

The focus of Winooski's fear is the negative effect the plant could have on its urban development program. Winooski is planning a housing project along the north bank of the river and is afraid the plant would mar the river's natural beauty.

The proposed dam would be located at Chase Mills and would filter water through a 16-inch-wide pipe and empty it back into the river downstream by the Salmon Hole.

Casavant is also worried about the possibility of a dry river bed between Chase Mills and Forest Hills. Casavant said, "Any dry portion of the river would not be acceptable to Winooski."

John E. Berryman, chief en-

gineer of Burlington Electric, said, "There will be absolutely no dry area in the river." He also said that the whole design of the project is being geared towards Winooski's needs. "It is quite incorrect that Winooski is being overlooked," he added.

The plant, which would supply seven megawatts of power, would be used primarily to power Burlington during peak hours. Winooski would receive a small allotment through Green Mountain Power, which would be in charge of the maintenance of the plant.

Casavant is unhappy about this situation. "Benefits should be shared equally, since we share the banks of the river," he said.

William E. Wargo, city attorney for Winooski, is also wary of the proposed plant. "I am told that the plant would not cause a dry bed in the river, but would stop the rapid flow of water and create a series of pools. This situation is going to hurt the natural beauty of the river," Wargo said.

Winooski is investigating the possibility of switching from the use of a private utility (Green Mountain Power) to its own independent municipal utility. The city, in that case, would want to build its own plant.

A study is being conducted to see if the restricted water flow will hurt the fish population in the river downstream.

The estimated cost of the plant is \$8 million. Burlington Electric plans to raise the money by selling revenue

bonds to interested investors. The bonds will be sold if the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission gives final approval to the plant.

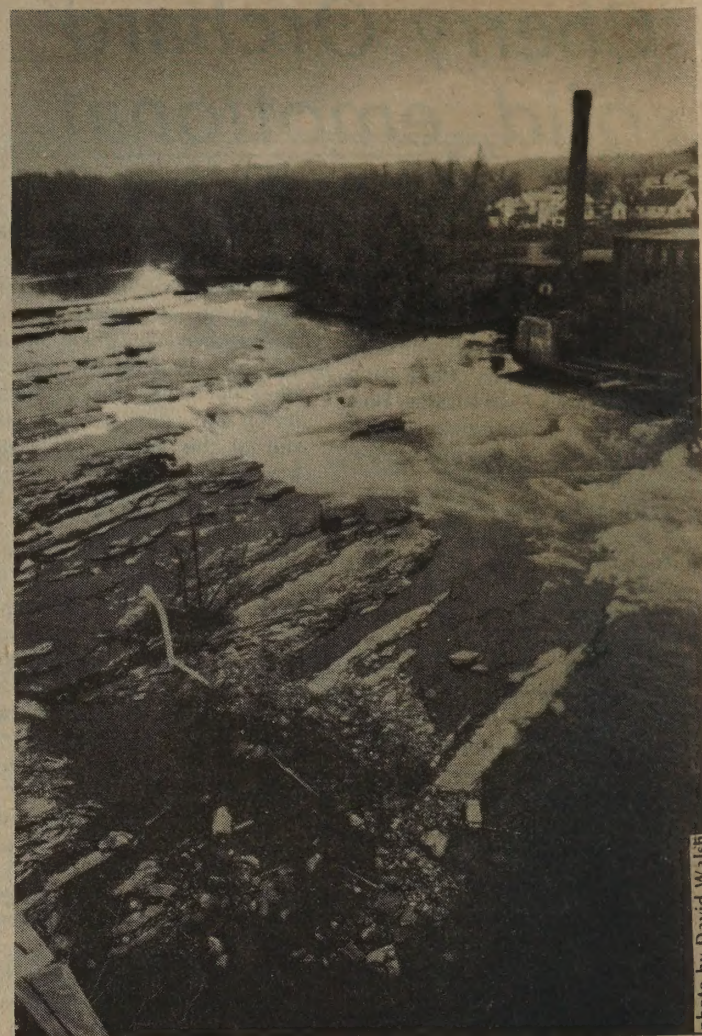
The commission controls the ultimate destiny of the plant and the use of the river.

When the time comes for final approval, and if Winooski is still unhappy, it plans on petitioning the commission with its complaints.

Burlington Electric must also file a certificate of public good to the state of Vermont, showing that it has included all responsible parties in the planning of the plant.

At this point most of Winooski's worries have been shrugged off by Burlington

Electric. The city is beginning to realize that the final decision is up to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Wargo is "preparing and submitting the necessary documents," making ready for that route.



Site of the proposed hydroelectric plant on the Winooski River. The dam should be completed by the spring of 1981.

photo by David Walsh

Campus damage declining; still a problem in some areas

by Frank Luongo

Campus damage, though on the decline, is still a serious problem here at St. Michael's College, according to Bob Harvey, chairman of the S.A. facilities committee.

Last year's damage figures amounted to approximately \$20,000, a bill footed by the students through the payment of damage deposits.

According to one student questioned about this seemingly large sum, senior Bob Shepard, "This can be likened to the masochist who thrives on inflicting pain upon himself." Yet as Harvey explained, "Here we see the innocent suffering as well as the guilty."

Harvey cited some of the main examples of community damage, the kind that comes off the damage bill of every student whether involved in the damage or not, as uprooting trees on main campus, smashing street lamps, and littering the grounds with broken glass, light bulbs, and beer bottles.

He said that 70 percent of all bulb replacement on campus comes as a result of damage.

Harvey pointed to Joyce and Alumni halls as being the

main contributors of litter and broken glass, and the prime offenders in the pulling of false alarms and emptying fire extinguishers.

On a brighter note, though, Linnehan, Senior and St. Ed's Halls and Founders Annex have had little or no damage so far this semester, according to Harvey.

He attributes the damage problem to "the lack of student responsibility toward their house, school and self. If a student thinks he can damage property with little or no consequence, he will repeat his action."

Harvey advocates some methods which, he thinks, could reduce if not solve the damage problem all together. These include an immediate billing policy which would force students guilty of damage to pay for the repairs within 10 days, "or else," as Harvey put it.

He also backs a policy whereby offenders would be publicly named in the campus media. A third method which Harvey would like to see instituted would be the establishment of coed dorms.

Citing Hodson Hall and the Sutton Apartments as examples, he said a coed atmosphere promotes proper residential behavior.

In concluding, Harvey said "on the individual level the concern over damage has increased during the past four years. Yet the problem is still a serious one which can only be dealt with through an awareness and a sense of responsibility on the part of each and every student."

French play comments on loss of cultural identity

"Un Jacques Cartier Errant," a French play about the Franco-American experience in the United States, will be presented at St. Michael's College McCarthy Arts Center, Saturday, Nov. 17.

Directed by St. Michael's modern languages chairman Dr. Anne McConnell, the play

is sponsored by "La Societe des Deux Mondes," a Chittenden County community group, in conjunction with the college's 75th anniversary.

Tickets will be available at the door or from Dr. McConnell, 655-2000, ext. 2457. Admission is adults \$2, students \$1.

Written by Franco-American playwright Gregoire Chabot, the play is a commentary on the loss of cultural identity that has resulted from the

assimilation of Franco-Americans into the dominant Anglo-American culture.

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There will be job interview skills workshop Nov. 29, 6:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. in the student resource center.

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was not that tense at St. Michael's.

"I've got many American friends on my floor," he said. "They've told us to come to them if anyone hassles us."

Talebzadeh continued, "We feel the same way as the Americans feel. If someone was holding my father or brother hostage, I would want to kill him too."

He said that the Iranian students would hold a free party Friday night, "probably in Joyce Hall, to show our fellow students from America that we are their friends and understand their feelings."

Sometime after the meeting Tuesday night, Talebzadeh

and another Iranian student, Edik Ranjbar, were downtown when they were accosted by "some Americans, who we never saw before, who tried to run us off the road while we were in Edik's car," Talebzadeh said.

He said that while a car was chasing them "we smashed into another car and the guys who were after us took off."

Talebzadeh would not elaborate on the extent of injuries received by the two or give any details concerning the men who had harassed them, saying, "I don't want to get in trouble."

He added that "the party is still on."



photo by Rob Swanson

Members of the Women's Rape Crisis Center take part in the third annual "take back the night" march Monday night.

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school that meets the standards of professionals and one's peers at other colleges," he added.

Murphy, who is also chairman of the planning committee, said he is in the unique position of seeing the college change, adjust, develop and improve.

As part of this continual process, he referred to the efforts of the curriculum committee which, in 1970, revised the curriculum and has been continually modifying it since then. The students have been more involved recently in committee activities to improve the college.

By rewriting the guide to student rules and regulations, they also participated in the present self-study, he said. "Yet, we didn't anticipate or even think of this as being part of the present self-study,"

Murphy noted.

Again, in 1977, the college's goal and missions were studied and restated. Then, too, a new set of faculty regulations has been completely revised, he continued.

Presently, the board of trustees is in the process of reexamining its role in relationship to the college. There is in the process the development of a new administrative handbook.

As a member of the steering committee, Murphy said he has guided the academic area through the process of the self-study.

Other members of the committee include Michael D. Samara, director of student life; Richard V. DiVenere, vice-president for institutional advancement; Ernest A. Guilmain, vice-president for fiscal affairs; and David LaMarche, assistant to the president.

Workshop to teach techniques

The College Republican National Committee will conduct a student fieldman school this weekend in the Bergeron Education Center.

The school consists of a three day workshop teaching youth campaign techniques to prepare students to take part in next year's presidential election.

Students from all the New England states, New York, and New Jersey will be attending.

Registration is at Bergeron today from 4-5 p.m. For more information contact Steve Kieth, ext. 2440.

The workshop will meet Friday, 6-9:30 p.m., Saturday, 8:30-6 p.m. and Sunday, 8:30-3:30 p.m.

Rape crisis center helps area women

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Many sexual assault victims blame themselves. "They feel like they should have been able to prevent the crime," Schoggen said.

Women are now more willing to report being sexually assaulted because they are becoming more informed about the subject. Schoggen helps to inform Burlington women by giving lectures at the Church Street Center, at school's, and for women's groups when she is asked to. Other persons volunteer to teach courses at the center. There will be one this year on self-defense for women which will include karate demonstrations, the officer said.

Schoggen said there are as many reasons for rape as there are rapists. "Rape is not just sexual." She said this was one misconception. She added that reasons for sexual assault include hatred for the woman who was assaulted or hatred for all women. "There isn't one obvious reason."

Sexual assaults don't occur solely on the street or in poorly lighted areas. "Most occur in the building where the victim lives — her house or apart-

ment," Schoggen said. She added that many sexual assaults also occur in cars. "In Burlington they are least likely to happen outdoors," Schoggen attributes this to the cold weather, although she said sexual assaults do occur outdoors, but not as frequently as indoors.

Schoggen said more sexual assaults occurred in Burlington than in the rest of the state since it is the largest city. In 1978, Burlington had the same number of rapes per capita as New York City.

The convicted rapists in Burlington have varied in age. "The oldest one I knew of was 49 and the youngest was about 25," the officer said.

Most of the sexual assault victims in Burlington were employed women, Schoggen declared. They ranged in age from 40 to 10, according to the officer. The women worried about "what their husbands and families thought," and the teenagers worried about "their parents' reaction," she explained.

There were some women who have falsely reported being sexually assaulted. These

women were "not always being malicious," Schoggen said. "They were traumatized by something and thought they were raped. Some of them were drinking and maybe they were emotionally distraught."

"The state's attorneys office can prosecute them for giving false information to a police officer but it doesn't unless they are really flagrant," Schoggen explained. The reason for this policy is that it doesn't want to discourage women from reporting rapes because of a fear they won't be believed."

There is a group of citizens who run the Women's Rape Crisis Center. The center operates a 24-hour hotline which rape victims can call for help. The center is comprised of "trained people who are not professionals but are very concerned," Schoggen said. Rape victims can call the hotline "just to talk to someone."

The crisis center, established in 1974, offers various services to sexual assault victims. Among these services are medical and legal information, according to Denise Rose, a center volunteer.



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Fire hazards pose threat at Fort

by Mary Ann McCauley

Each year many St. Michael's students move out of the dorms and search for off-campus housing. Many make their homes in the Ethan Allen Apartments located on the north campus.

For many, this is their first apartment and they are unaware of what to look for in terms of fire safety.

With the recent fires on campus and the discussions of fire safety and prevention, a look into the safety standards of some of the Ethan Allen Apartments is in order.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, all buildings, whether old or new, must comply to certain safety standards.

The association states, "This code deals with life safety from fire and like emergencies. It covers construction, protection and features to mi-

landlord of the 1300 and 1304 buildings, has recently improved the safety standards. Both buildings have central fire-alarm systems, smoke detectors, illuminated exit signs, steel doors and fire-rated ceilings, carpeting and insulated.

According to Gonyea, the safety standards proved very successful in the 1304 building earlier this year. A fire started in a first-floor apartment and because of the alarm system, the building was evacuated quickly, the fire department was there within minutes and the fire was confined to that one apartment.

"The system may have cost a lot, but in the end it was worth it," Gonyea said.

Gonyea said his buildings were among the safest in the area. "We put an awful lot of money into fire protection and we are continually trying to maintain the system," he said.

Allen Apartments is Sgt. Charles Guyette of the Burlington Police Department. Guyette said that when he bought the building in 1974, it had just been renovated by the previous owner, Claude Gonyea. "I'm sure they complied with whatever codes they had to comply with at the time that they renovated the building in '72, because no one has ever told me that I have broken any rules," Guyette said.

A section of the 1302 building, housing two second-story apartments, has one narrow stairwell with burlap wall coverings, hollow wooden doors, no fire alarm and no fire escape.

Guyette's reasoning for not having a central fire alarm system is that it would cost him about \$15,000 to install it. "I can't afford it — it's as simple as that — I just can't afford it," he said.

Guyette is planning on installing smoke detectors in each apartment in the near future.

According to the state fire code, all public buildings must be inspected to get a certificate of occupancy. The Department of Fire Prevention, in Montpelier, does not have inspection records on 1300 or 1302 Ethan Allen.

Guyette said his insurance company inspected 1302 last summer and found it to be fire safe. He is aware that the fire inspector can confront him at any time.

Frederick Myers, state fire inspector of Colchester, blamed the lack of fire safety in these and hundreds of other buildings on the state inspection system. "There are three so-called fire inspectors in the field, one in the southern section of Vermont, one in the northeastern section and myself in the northwestern section. I cover from Brandon to the Canadian border and clear over to Route 100. It's impossible to police all the buildings."

"We can't keep track of all the new buildings and what is going on in the older buildings. We should have more manpower. We just don't have enough."

— Frederick Myers
State Fire Inspector, Colchester

nimize danger to life from fire, smoke, fumes, or panic before buildings are vacated. It specifies the number, size, and arrangement of exit facilities sufficient to permit prompt escape of occupants from buildings or structures in case of fire or other conditions dangerous to life.

"The code also recognizes that life safety is more than a matter of exits and accordingly deals with various matters besides exits which are considered essential to life safety...."

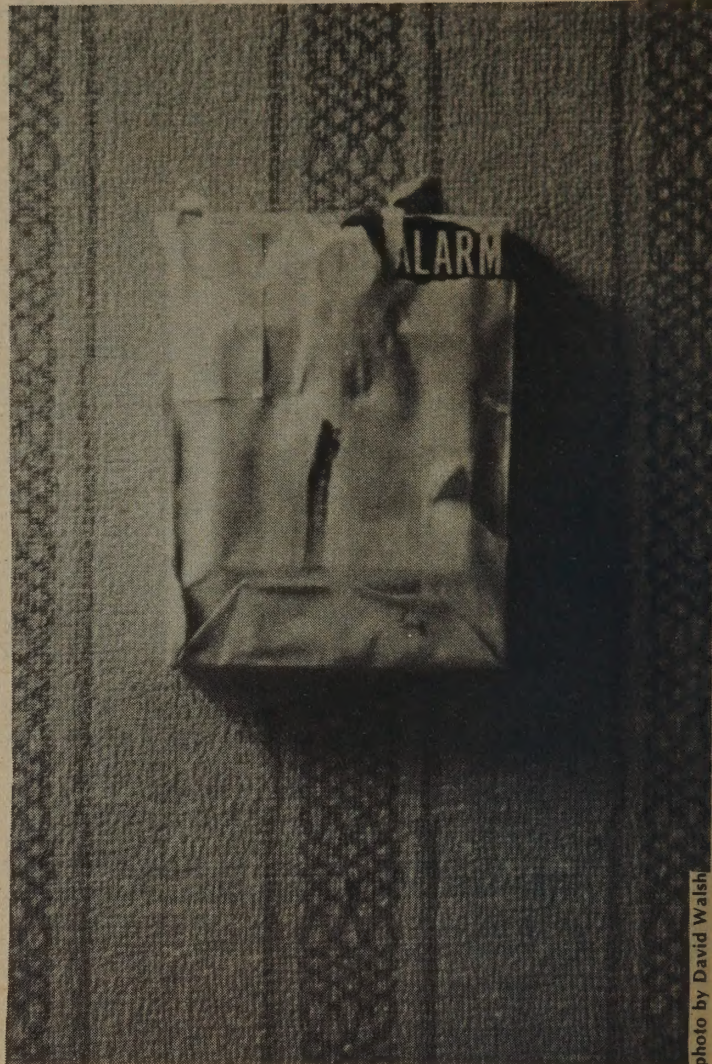
In the Ethan Allen Apartments, there are those buildings that comply with the codes and those that do not.

The first building in the string of apartments, 1300 Ethan Allen, which has recently been renovated, has many of the fire-prevention systems. Robert Gonyea, co-owner and

While searching the buildings it was found that Gonyea's alarm system was very detailed, but in 1300 it was not in working condition. The building has been occupied since January 1979 and the alarm system has still not been connected. Gonyea said the main control device just arrived and should be hooked up within the next few days.

The second Ethan Allen Apartment building, 1302, has an inadequate fire prevention system. The building has three fire walls separating the different sections, but nothing more. There are no fire alarms, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, sprinkler systems or fire escapes. Not all of these are required in the older buildings, but some safety devices are needed in every building.

The owner of 1302 Ethan



1300 Ethan Allen Avenue has been occupied since January 1979 but the fire alarm system has still not been connected.

"We can't keep track of all the new buildings and what is going on in the older buildings," Meyers said, "we should have more manpower. We just don't have enough."

According to Myers, Chittenden County is the fastest growing area in the state. He said thousands of condominiums are being built in South Burlington and he is the only available inspector. "With the work load we have, we are lucky to get into each building once and I cannot even guarantee that," he said.

Myers made it very clear that

without a complaint, a building will not be inspected. "Basically if we do not know about, nothing can be done," he said.

Richard Jones, a representative from the Department of Fire Prevention, said these buildings are considered safe until complaints are received to the contrary.

There are hundreds of buildings in the area that have not been inspected and could be potential fire traps. The only way change will come about will be with letters of complaint to the Vermont Department of Fire Prevention.

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Sports

Women cagers to open

by Judy Valente

When Sue Duprat took over the St. Michael's women's basketball program four years ago, the team played a 12-game schedule. Tonight the Purple Knights will travel to Montreal to tip off their 22-game slate facing some tough competition in McGill University.

McGill and Vanier College are just two of the 15 new teams St. Michael's will play this season. Additional features in this expanded and impressive schedule include a first-ever dash with the UVM 'A' squad as well as other Division I powers. Also included is a winter break road trip through New York and New Jersey.

"You won't get better unless you play the big schools," Duprat said. She added that the women's program has made remarkable progress in such a short span of time and with the tougher schedule, St. Michael's will gain out of state exposure. She continued to say that also through this exposure the school may attract prospects that will help build another roundball tradition: only this time it will be women's. "St. Michael's has the potential to become a powerful contender," Duprat said.

Veteran talent already on campus include returning point guard Kathy O'Neil and backcourt standout Pam Bushey. O'Neil, last year's MVP and leading scorer

with a 13-point per game average, gives the Knights flexibility as well as baskets. Bushey has four years of experience to go with her hustle. Returning up front for St. Michael's are Dawn Stanger and Janet King. Stanger was last season's most improved and shoots consistently from the charity stripe. King displays her 11-point average with an array of turn around jumpers. Herself, along with Bushey and O'Neil are tri-captains.

Senior Kathy Lochner gives the team another four-year veteran who provides steady backcourt play. Forward Maura Malone also contributes a steady 9-point, 6-rebound effort while fighting underneath. Sophomores Barb Puls and Lynn Murray have high hopes in moving into starting roles.

Freshmen challenging the upperclassmen are Nancy Haynes, Dee Hildreth, Nancy Lubinsky, Terri O'Neil, Noreen Paterson, and Lynne Richard. Duprat said all have had their moments in practice but need to gain game experience.

Three goals Duprat would like the squad to achieve this year are: (1) having a winning record; (2) beating UVM, and; (3) repeating as victors in the Third Annual St. Michael's Tourney. Last year the Knights posted an 11-8 record. Included in the 11 wins was a big win over the UVM 'B' in the St. Michael's tourney by an overwhelming score of 71-51.

Duprat finally summed up the team as a well-mixed group that works together. "They'll just have to want to go out and play the game and win," Duprat concluded.

Lambda, Vegetrons: 1979 soccer champs

by Mark Kendall

The Lambda house women's soccer team, a sleeper for much of the fall in the fight for the intramural championship, defeated the odds last week and mowed down a solid St. Ed's Founders Annex squad for the women's soccer championship. The final score was 3-0. Lambda entered the contest coming off of a stinging upset of

top-seeded Muchii, 2-1, only a day earlier. The balanced attack in the championship game was paced by the first half shooting of Ann Mirority and Angie Clary who each tallied Lambda scores. Carolyn Frattaroli scored the final goal in the second half to ice the cake for Lambda. Congratulations to the champions.

In men's soccer playoffs, GE won the on-campus soccer championship with a 2-0 win over Zeta, while the Vegetrons topped previously undefeated Botafago, 2-0, to clinch the off-campus title. The Vegetrons continued their domination of intramural soccer with an overtime victory over Ge in the overall soccer championship. Dana King scored the lone and winning goal on an overtime penalty kick, giving the Vegetrons a 1-0 win. The championship was the second consecutive for the Vegetrons. Congratulations to this team and GE for their respective championships.

The intramural men's wrestling tournament will begin Monday, Nov. 26 when weigh-ins will be held with wrestling taking place Tuesday through Thursday. All men are invited to attend.

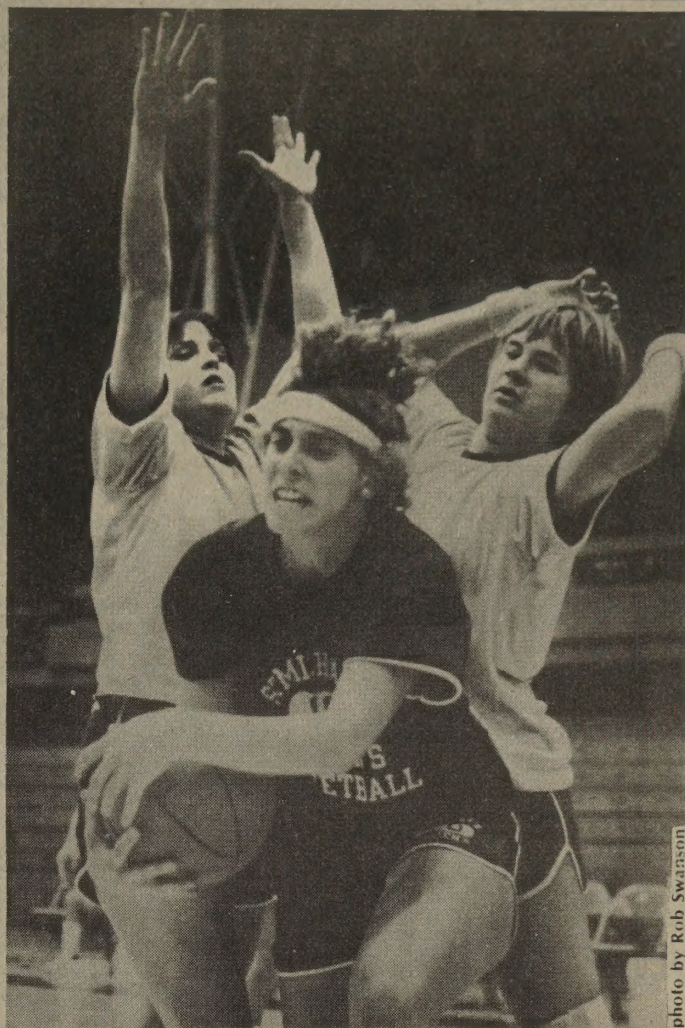


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Dawn Stanger fights a couple of teammates for ball possession during a recent inter-squad scrimmage in preparation for the season opener. The Purple Knight's open their 22 game schedule tonight at McGill University.

Bright future ahead for women's volleyball

by Melanie Pizzini

For the St. Michael's women's volleyball team, it was a short but successful season for the first year squad. However, their final season record of 2-8 doesn't reflect the improvement of the young team.

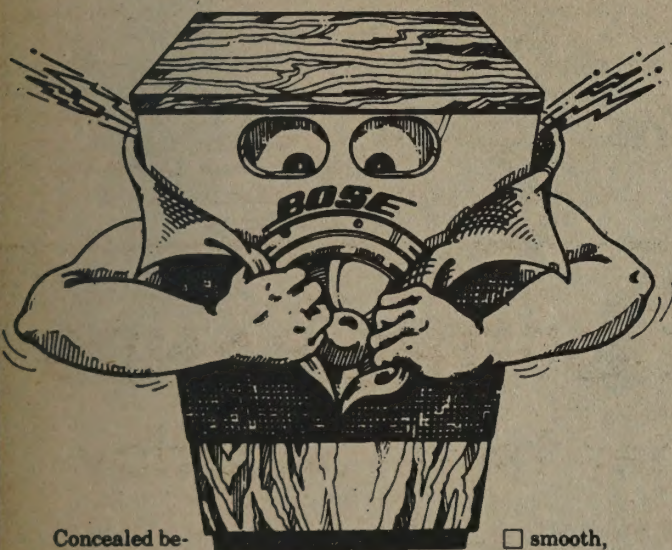
Coach Diane Boetitcher was pleased with the enthusiasm and potential the team showed throughout the season. "Every game we improved and I was impressed with the fine efforts of everyone," commented Boetitcher.

St. Michael's final match of the year was against a tough Plattsburgh State squad.

Taylor's powerful serves combined with some strong offense from Carolyn Frattaroli helped St. Michael's turn in a strong closing performance. The defense provided by Trish Cole also proved instrumental in the St. Michael's attack. Unfortunately, the Knight's still came up on the short end to the veteran squad, bowing 3-0.

Next season, the return of most players and a larger schedule should ensure a prosperous season for St. Michael's as the Knight's volleyball program becomes more established.

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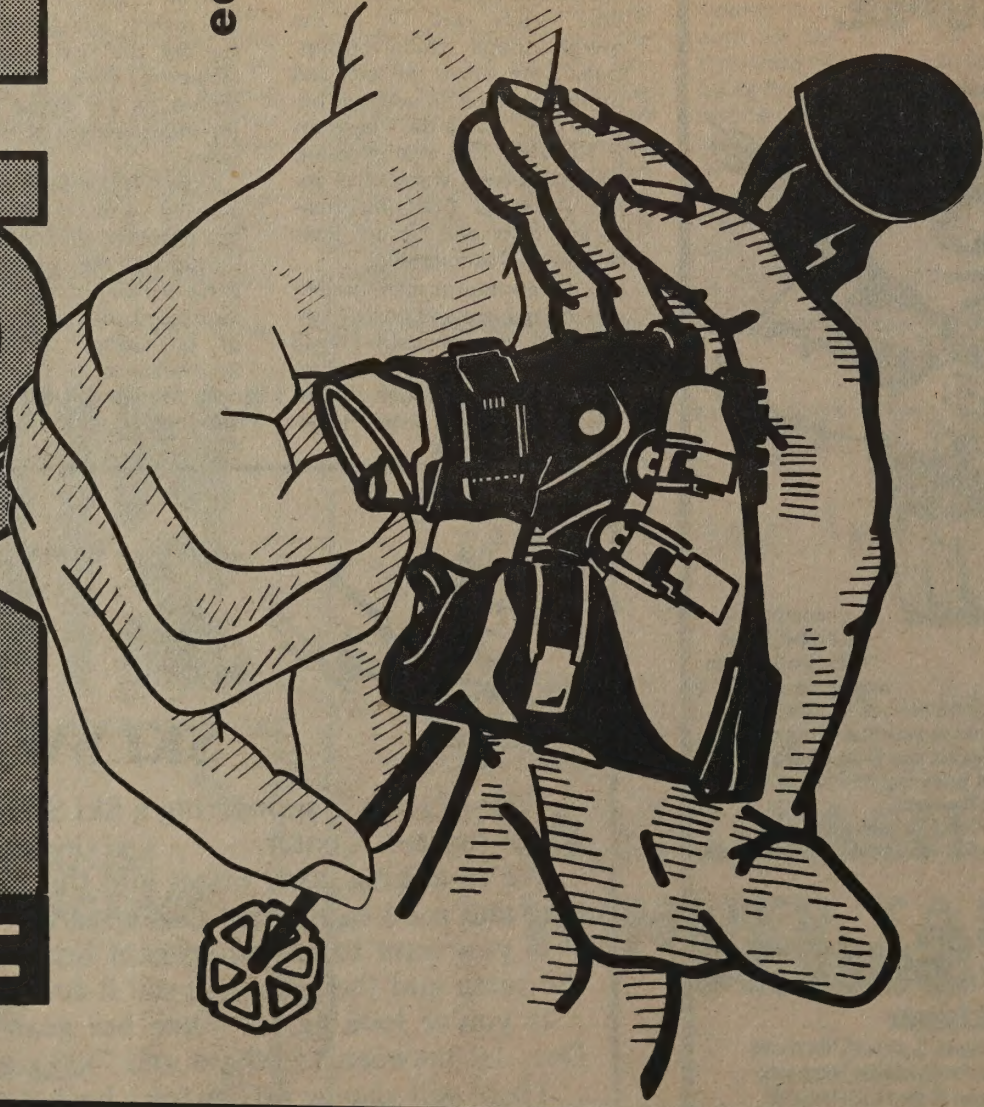
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